

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE
REGULATIONS OF THE
ALASKA COMMISSION ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION**

The Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education proposes to change regulations relating to the Alaska state financial aid programs and to the authorization of postsecondary institutions operating in Alaska

The Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE) proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 20 Chapters 15, 16 and 17 of the Alaska Administrative Code dealing with regulation of the Alaska state financial aid programs and postsecondary institutions (AS 14.43 and 14.48), including the following:

- Revise loan deferment eligibility (15.195);
- Set loan award maximums based on enrollment status: on-time, full-time, half-time (15.935);
- Set out allowable uses of half-time loan awards (15.935);
- Clarify that post-enrollment grace period is up to six months (15.745);
- Clarify that borrower or cosigner who previously defaulted may be eligible for a new loan based on voluntary repayment of defaulted loan (15.970);
- Consolidate and clarify regulations related to general ASEL and FEL provisions (throughout Chapter 15);
- Rename the Alaska Education Grant pursuant to SB 195 (throughout Chapter 16);
- Modify grant eligibility (16.010, 16.030);
- Revise grant applicant prioritization criteria (16.020);
- Repeal reference to federal LEAP funding (16.021);
- Clarify grant application procedure (16.030);
- Revise award amounts and computation of financial need (16.034 and 16.037);
- Establish grant disbursement conditions for a student on a leave of absence (16.040);
- Revise institutional authorization exemptions pursuant to SB 195 (17.015);
- Revise required surety bonding for postsecondary educational institutions (17.045);
- Modify the complaint investigation process (17.145);
- Miscellaneous update to incorporated references (17.225, 17.230, and 17.245);
and
- General housekeeping and conforming changes

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to the Executive Director of the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education, P. O. Box 110505, Juneau, Alaska 99811-0505, or ACPE.ExecDirector@Alaska.gov. Comments received are a public record. The comments must be received no later than

4:30 p.m. on October 3, 2014. If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Rochelle Rogers at 907-465-6718 no later than 4:30 p.m. September 26, 2014, to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

For a copy of the proposed regulation changes, contact Rochelle Rogers, at ACPE, P. O. Box 110505, Juneau, Alaska 99811-0505, or call (907) 465-6718, or go to Public Notice on the agency's web site at www.acpe.alaska.gov, Home, News and Public Notice, or by following this link to the agency's Public Notice page <http://acpe.alaska.gov/notices>.

After the public comment period ends, the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education will either adopt these or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action on them. The language of the final regulations may be different from that of the proposed regulations. **YOU SHOULD COMMENT DURING THE TIME ALLOWED IF YOUR INTERESTS COULD BE AFFECTED.**

Statutory Authority: AS 14.42.030; AS 14.43.105; AS 14.43.171; AS 14.43.405; AS 14.43.740 and AS 14.48.050.

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted or Made Specific: AS 14.43.172; AS 14.43.173; AS 14.43.175; AS 14.43.400; AS 14.43.415; AS 14.43.420; AS 14.43.740; AS 14.43.750; AS 14.43.830; AS 14.43.915; AS 14.48.030 and AS 14.48.100.

Fiscal Information: The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

DATED: August 27, 2014


Diane Barrans, Executive Director
Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education

The Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education keeps a list of individuals and organizations interested in its regulations. Those on the list will automatically be sent a copy of all of ACPE's Notices of Proposed Regulation Changes. To be added to or removed from the list, send a request to ACPE at P. O. Box 110505, Juneau, Alaska 99811-0505 or Rochelle.Rogers@Alaska.gov, giving your name, and either your e-mail or mailing address, as you prefer for receiving notices.

STANDING DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

In the event of my absence or unavailability to carry out my duties, Charlene Morrison, Chief Finance Officer, is delegated authority to exercise discretion in managing ongoing agency operations and programs as acting Executive Director for all purposes, including: (1) discharge of loan balances; (2) settlement offers; and (3) wage garnishment waivers, including discretionary adjustments. The authority to act on the discharge of loan balances, settlement offers, and wage garnishment waivers, including discretionary adjustments, is also delegated to Stephanie Butler, Director of Operations.

In the event Charlene Morrison is unavailable during a period of my absence or unavailability, Stephanie Butler, Director of Operations, is delegated the same authority. This delegation remains in effect until rescinded or replaced.

Timesheets for the person acting on my behalf shall be signed by Worth Barthel, Human Resource Officer.

DATED: November 26, 2013

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Diane Barrans, Executive Director

ALASKA STUDENT LOAN CORPORATION


Diane Barrans, Executive Officer